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For THERMAL CONTROL DEVICE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 through 1.98 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents, which were requested by the Examiner at the Interview which took place on October 17, 2001 (these references being referenced in the "Development of a Variable Emittance Radiator" reference provided by the Applicant) and which are listed in the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents are provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

This citation does not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims. They are only cited as constituting related art of which the applicant is aware.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 35 U.S.C. 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits that the relevance of the documents are that they were requested by the Examiner at the interview of October 17, 2001. However, no independent analysis of the references has been made.

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A check in the amount of \$180 is attached to gain entry and consideration of the attached references. If any additional fees are required to gain entry and consideration of these references, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney's Deposit Account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson)

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and be formally made of record in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael E. Whitham", written in a cursive style.

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